

SRI D.B. CHANDREGOWDA (Minister for Minor Irrigation)—

- (a) No.
- (b) No.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Plans & Estimates are under Scrutiny

Building for High School at Sirgeri in Sirguppa Taluk

444 SRI B.E. RAMAIAH (Sirguppa)—Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Government High School at Sirgeri in Siruguppa Taluk is running in sheds since its inception;

(b) whether Government intend to take immediate steps for construction of a building to house the said High School?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The question of providing a new building to Government High School Sirgeri will be taken up during the next financial year, subject to availability of funds.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) re : Fire accident at Kayasamballi, Bangarpet Taluk

SRI C.VENKATESHAPPA (Bethmangala)—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the fire accident in Kyasamballi, Bangarpet Taluk.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Revenue)—I wish to make the following statement :

An accidental fire took place in Harijan Colony of Kyasamballi village, a Hobli headquarters of Bangarpet taluk on the afternoon of 13th March 1979. 52 houses belonging to the Scheduled Caste persons were burnt in this accident affecting 80 families. No human lives or cattle were lost.

Immediately on receipt of the information, Police from KGF rushed to the spot with Fire Engine and brought the fire under control. The Local Officers, Tahsildar, Block Development Officer and the President, Taluk Development Board also rushed to the spot on receiving the information and arranged to provide succour to the

affected families. They arranged for shelter and food for the night. Food arrangements were also made with the help of the local people for the next three days. The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar who was away on tour on 13th March 1979 visited the place the next day morning and inspected the houses which had been burnt.

52 houses have been completely damaged and require reconstruction. The loss of movable property is assessed at Rs. 2,25,000/- apart from the houses. An amount of Rs. 43,2²2/- has been sanctioned to give cash relief to the affected people. The Director of Social Welfare has also sanctioned a sum of Rs. 56,000/- to the victims as subsidy for construction of houses. All necessary measures were thus taken to give immediate relief to the victims of fire accident. The fire was reported to be accidental one and no foul play is suspected.

(ii) *re : Difficulty experienced by farmers in paying stamp duty in getting loans*

SRI K. H. HANUME GOWDA (Hassan)—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the difficulty being experienced by the farmers in paying heavy stamp duty in getting loans.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Revenue)—I wish to make the following statement :

The Karnataka Agricultural Credit Operations and Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1974 has come into effect from 17th July 1975. The Co-operative Societies and the credit agencies like the Banking companies, the Agriculture Refinance Corporation, Agro Industries Corporation give financial assistance to agriculturists in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. The declarations executed by the Agriculturists creating the charge over the property, as security for the amount of financial assistance, shall be deemed to have been duly registered in accordance with the provisions of the Registration Act and thereby the registration fee stands exempted for all such declaration.

Exemption from Stamp duty was given to all the agriculturists till 5th January 1979 for raising a loan upto Rs. 10,000/- from commercial Banks Primary Land Development Banks and Agro-Industries Corporation under the Scheme of Agricultural Finance to farmers (G.O.No. 19 EST 72 dated 22nd February 1972). Further, the instruments executed by Co-operative Societies dispensing production finance (including short-term, medium and marketing finance) and by their members relating to the business of such Society were fully exempted from payment of Stamp duty as per G.O. No. R.D. 33 GST 62 dated 16th/18th February 1969.